

JOVP ANNUAL REPORT

2000

INTRODUCTION –

Again much of the material published for this report is in the form of appended works. For brevity and the sake of the reader being able to select which parts of this to read, below is an abstract of various activities engaged in since the last report in August, 1999, at the Board meeting in Sacramento, California.

JUDGES ASSIGNMENTS BY THE JOVP –

Two international gymnastics meets were handled by the JOVP since August, 1999. The first one, All Japan Junior International competition, was very poorly handled from the outset due to short notice, changing criteria, etc. The only acceptable and available judge on short notice was Mike Hirsch; although I did my best to follow the NGJA selection procedure. The other competition, The Five Continents in France was better dealt with; although not without its controversy as well, was judged by Jon Culbertson. See the appended NGJA International Judges Selection form. I have an extensive file of emails for anyone's perusal if interested in a very accurate historical account of each of these selections/decisions. The other major judging assignment job for the JOVP is JO Nationals for which the selection procedure has become much better due to the new JOPC ruling to that effect. The only remaining problem there is the lack of clear cut understanding about procedure of the JOTDs involved. This has been addressed (hopefully) by better communication between myself, USAG and the JOTDs. See below.

JO NATIONALS –

This meet continues to be a major success of the USAG program, and continues to improve in every aspect such as venue amenities and judging professionalism. The best part of this event this year was the short time in which it took to get the JONAL reports to the gymnastics community. The worst part continues to be the friction between coaches and judges at times. See the appended report for a detailed analysis of this aspect of the meet as well as other information.

PROJECTS and/or ACTIVITIES with the JOTDs –

The major effort on my part in the last two years has been to have a Technical Committee meeting prior to JO Nationals at that site. The NGJA and hosts have been cooperative in accomplishing this goal at a minimum of expense. Further, it was considered very important this year to have the JOTDs there for the compulsory workshop immediately after JO Nationals. There is appended edited memo to the JOTDs which can give an appreciation of the range of topics dealt with and in progress.

PROJECTS and/or ACTIVITIES with the JONALS –

I have continued to lobby at the JOPC meetings for better participation of the JONALS at Future Stars state and regional testing since they are mandated to be at the National Future Stars event. Also at that venue I continue to have some meetings with the JONALS as well as serve as the technical director for that competition. Part of this is also to coordinate and set guidelines for JONAL reports on the Future Stars competition which has become a standard practice during my tenure. They will also be involved again with routine evaluations for the JO videos in preparation for the coming season.

PERIPHERAL/RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMPETITION COMMITTEE –

As a member of the Competition Committee 2000 for new age group compulsories and rules I have been at many day to day and a half sessions right after major meets. Although the new Age Group Compulsory book is out; we have more work to do in finalizing the modified optional rules when we know the new FIG Code rules after the Olympics.

NGJA LIAISON to the JOPC –

As a member of this committee (JOPC) I have been continually frustrated in my ability to attend complete meetings due to conflicts at the USAG Congress with our NGJA Board meeting. Fortunately, this is not an issue this year since we split these meetings between Championships and Congress/Olympic Trials. However, I hope this will be addressed in a better manner in the future.

NEW PROPOSALS to the NGJA BOARD –

See attached proposals #3 and #4 for consideration of improving both communication within the judging community and upgrading our judging skills.

MISCELLANEOUS –

A position paper submitted to the NGJA Board for reelection to the JOVP position.

Continue to try to judge in other JO Regions to see how they conduct their meets, etc. and promote the judges exchanges throughout the country between JO Regions. Sample records of these activities are available for SGJA(Southeast) and SCGJA(So.Calif.) exchanges.

Return to El Salvador and conduct another JO/Elite judges course.

Aid and encourage the Carolina (North and South) judges to form their own association.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDED REPORTS (in order of appearance) –

NGJA International Judges Selection form for Five Continents

JOVP/MEET REFEREE REPORT on JO NATIONALS

MEMO TO JOTDs

PROPOSAL to HAVE NINE (9) JO TECHNICAL DIRECTORS (prop.#3)

PROPOSALS for MASTER'S LEVEL JUDGING COURSES (JO & ELITE) (proposals #4A & 4B)

ADDITIONAL REPORTS AVAILABLE if interested, but not herein appended:

NGJA Liaison report

Five Continents Junior International Competition report

Sample record of JO meet exchanges

McIntyre letter re Proposal # 3